

Article - Health Occupations

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§8-6A-07.

(a) Subject to subsection (f) of this section, the Board shall certify any applicant who meets the requirements of this subtitle.

(b) (1) The Board shall:

(i) Issue each new certified nursing assistant or medication technician a certificate number and registration certificate that indicates the initial certificate was issued by the Board; and

(ii) Electronically record each certificate in the Board's database and on the Board's Web site.

(2) Each certificate shall include:

(i) Any expiration date;

(ii) The type of certificate; and

(iii) Any specific category of nursing assistant.

(c) An individual who has met the requirements for a certified nursing assistant shall be certified with the title of "certified nursing assistant".

(d) An individual who routinely performs nursing tasks delegated by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for compensation and has also completed a Board-approved course in medication administration shall be certified with the title of "certified medicine aide".

(e) An individual who has met the requirements for a certified medication technician shall be certified with the title of "certified medication technician".

(f) (1) The Board may issue a temporary practice certificate to an applicant who:

(i) Has met the appropriate certification requirements of this subtitle to the satisfaction of the Board; and

(ii) Does not have a criminal record and has not been the subject of a health professional disciplinary action in this State or another jurisdiction.

(2) Unless the Board suspends or revokes a temporary practice certificate, the temporary practice certificate expires 90 days after issuance.

(3) A temporary practice certificate may be extended up to an additional 90 days if the applicant is awaiting the completion of criminal history record information.

(g) A medication technician graduate may practice for no more than 90 days from the date of completion of a medication technician training program without certification by the Board.

(h) (1) On receipt of the criminal history record information of an applicant for certification as a certified nursing assistant forwarded to the Board in accordance with § 8-303 of this title, in determining whether to grant a certificate, the Board shall consider:

(i) The age at which the crime was committed;

(ii) The circumstances surrounding the crime;

(iii) The length of time that has passed since the crime;

(iv) Subsequent work history;

(v) Employment and character references; and

(vi) Other evidence that demonstrates whether the applicant poses a threat to the public health or safety.

(2) The Board may not issue a certificate if the criminal history record information required under § 8-303 of this title has not been received.

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